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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: STABILIZING COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO  
ANIONIC ASSOCIATIVE POLYMERS, THEIR USE FOR  
STABILIZATION OF NON-SOLID COMPOSITIONS, AND  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE STABILIZING  
COMPOSITION

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 35 pages, including 5 independent claim(s) and 76 claims total.
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), PTO Form 1449  
and five references
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	76	-	20	56	x \$18	1,008.00
Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$80	160.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/268,909 filed February 16, 2001.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).  
Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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